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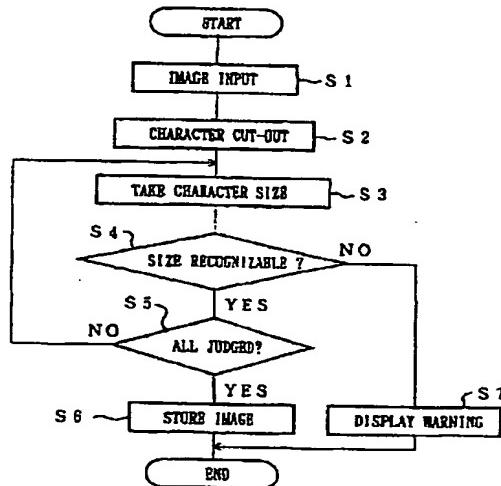
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### (54) Character recognition device

(57) A character recognition device which is provided with: a character cut-out section for cutting out a character from the character image that has been obtained by the CCD; a character-size storing section for storing at least one character size among character sizes required for recognition each of which is set for each of character types that can be recognized by the recognizing section; a size-judging section for comparing the size of the character that has been cut out by the character cut-out section with at least one of character sizes that have been stored in the character-size storing section; and, for example, a display section that serves as informing means for informing information corresponding to results obtained by comparing the size of the character that has been cut out by the character cut-out section with at least one of character sizes that have been stored in the character-size storing section by using the size-judging section. Before a character in the character image obtained by the CCD is recognized by the recognition section, it is possible to make a judgment as to whether or not the character is recognizable.

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